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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION  
U.S. SALT DELEGATION  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATE: November 28, 1972  
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
PLACE: Soviet Mission, Geneva

SUBJECT: Radar Research and Development

PARTICIPANTS: US

USSR

Mr. Paul H. Nitze

Academician A. N. Shchukin

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During my conversation of the same date with Shchukin, he described some of the other bureaucratic problems which he had to deal with. He said he frequently found himself in disagreement with the ministry responsible for the production of the actual equipment, and particularly with Mr. Pleshakov and his ministry. As an example, he cited a project in which he was greatly interested which was the discrimination of RVs from decoys. He said that current computer programs could analyze radar returns so as to distinguish returns from the real object from false (image) returns and to determine whether the object was round or elongated. He believed it was possible with the same radars to achieve much finer discrimination, such as the features of a human face. However, to achieve such results required many consecutive tests using identical instrumentation. The ministry, charged as it was with the timely production of equipment, was chronically in a hurry and reluctant to let him have enough time. Furthermore, they kept changing instrumentation because it was necessary to make changes in the interest of improvements. Also, tests of this character were extremely expensive.

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